Examples of Conflict of Interest

Test your knowledge! The following are some examples of possible conflicts of interest that have been compiled for illustrative purposes only.

A faculty member takes a consulting position to assist an organization that seeks to compete directly with an Adelphi program. For example, a faculty member takes a consulting position to improve another institution’s emergency management program and recruit additional students to the program. *This is a conflict of interest*

A faculty/staff member accepts a payment from a company with which the faculty member recommends an Adelphi contract. *This is a conflict of interest*

A faculty/staff member proposes that Adelphi University enter into a business transaction with an entity in which the faculty member’s son has an ownership interest. *This is a conflict of interest*

A faculty member proposes that Adelphi accept funding in support of his or her research from an entity in which the faculty member’s family has an employment/management role. *This is a conflict of interest*

A faculty member proposes to orient his or her research to serve the private interests of an outside firm without disclosure and permission. *This is a conflict of interest*

A faculty/staff member proposes to share unpublished data from Adelphi research with a company as part of a consulting engagement or in discussions about a proposed consulting engagement. *This is a conflict of interest*

An Adelphi investigator is conducting research for a pharmaceutical company. The company pays for him/her and his/her spouse to attend a conference in Germany. *This is a conflict of interest*